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1. US 5,064,291

2. US 2002/0118359 A1
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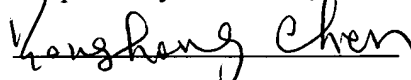
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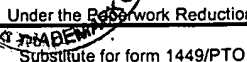
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